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SUBJECT: PERMREPS LUNCH, FEBRUARY 18

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: IN ADDITION TO CONSIDERATION OF DATES FOR SPRING NAC MINISTERIAL MEETINGS (REPORTED SEPTTEL), PERMREPS AT FEBRUARY 18 LUNCHEON DISCUSSED NAC CONSULTATION ON MIDDLE EAST, FEBRUARY 20 NAC CONSULTATION ON EAST-WEST ISSUES AND SOVIET DEVELOPMENTS, NAC CONSULTATION ON LAW OF THE SEA, PRIME MINISTER WILSONS ANNOUNCEMENT OF UK CREDIT EXTENSION TO THE USSR, VISIT TO NATO OF UN APARTHEID COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, AND CANCELLATION OF NATO DEFENSE COLLEGE TOURS  
END SUMMARY.

2. DATES FOR NAC CONSULATATION ON MIDDLE EAST. SYG LUNS READ LETTER HE RECEIVED FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER GIVING BRIEF REPORT ON SECRETARYS MOST RECENT TRIP TO MIDDLE EAST AND SUGGESTING THAT AS HE PLANS TO RETURN TO THE MIDDLE EAST IN THE FIRST PART OF MARCH TO CONTINUE HIS PRESENT EFFORTS, THE SECRETARY FEELS THAT NAC CONSULTATIONS ON THE MIDDLE EAST WOULD BE MORE TIMELY IN CONNECTION WITH THAT TRIP.

2. FEBRUARY 20 NAC CONSULTATION ON EAST-WEST ISSUES AND SOVIET DEVELOPMENTS. PECK (UK) CONFIRMED THAT SIR HOHN KILLICK WILL BRIEF NAC ON WILSONS SOVIET TRIP AT THE SPECIAL NAC SESSION NEXT THURSDAY. PECK SAID KILLICK ALREADY TOLD HIM THAT MR. BREZHNEV WAS "IN EBULLIENT FORM".

3. LAW OF THE SEA. TOMASSON (ICELAND) SAID HIS COUNTRY WILL SEND A SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE TOTHE MARCH 6 NAC DISCUSSION ON LAW OF THE SEA.

4. UK CREDIT EXTENSION TO THE USSR. PERMREPS DISCUSSED AT SOME CONFIDENTIAL

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LENGTH BRITISH ANNOUNCEMENT OF A LARGE CREDIT EXTENSION TO THE USSR FOR THE PURCHASE OF BRITISH GOODS. A NUMBER OF PERMREPS FELT THAT IN THE ERA OF DETENTE THIS DECISION WAS A WISE POLITICAL POLICY BUT IT WAS UNLIKELY TO RESULT IN MUCH IN THE WAY OF REAL COMMERCIAL BENEFITS TO THE UK. SEVERAL PERMREPS WERE SKEPTICAL AS TO THE DESIRABILITY OF EXTENDING LOW CREDIT TERMS TO THE SOVIETS.

5. VISIT OF UN APARTHEID COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN. LUNS REPORTED THAT ON FEBRUARY 14 HE RECEIVED A VISIT FROM UN APARTHEID COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN OGBU (NIGERIAN). LUNS SAID MR. OGBU WAS INTERESTED IN LEARNING WHAT NATO IS DOING THAT MIGHT SUPPORT APARTHEID ACTIVITIES OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT. LUNS EXPLAINED, HE THOUGHT TO

THE NIGERIAN'S SATISFACTION, RECORD OF THE ALLIANCE IN  
OPPOSITION TO APARTHEID.

6. CANCELLATION OF NATO DEFENSE COLLEGE TOURS. LUNS STATED HE HAD  
ADVISED THE NATO DEFENSE COLLEGE THAT FOR REASONS OF ECONOMY THEY  
SHOULD CANCEL THEIR PROPOSED TOURS TO THE US AND ELSEWHERE.  
THE MATTER WILL BE GIVEN FURTHER CONSIDERATION LATER IN THE  
YEAR.  
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